

REMARKS

Prior to the application becoming abandoned as of August 18, 2004, claims 1 through 44 were pending.

Upon granting of Applicant's Petition for Revival of an Application for Patent Abandoned Unintentionally ("Petition"), in the above-identified patent application, as presently solicited, claims 1-44 will again be pending.

In the Final Office action dated May 17, 2004, claims 16-39 and 42 were indicated to be allowable. Claim 8 was objected to as being dependent on a rejected claim, but was indicated to be allowable if rewritten in independent form. Claims 1-7, 9-15, 40-41, and 43-44 were rejected.

Applicants understand that claims 16 through 27 are no longer considered to be allowable, even though these claims were indicated to be allowable in the final Office action.

With this response, Applicants amend the pending claims to place the application in condition for allowance. The current amendments cancel all non-allowable subject matter from the claims, and the Application's claims now include only subject matter understood by Applicants (based on conversations with Examiner M. Brown) to be allowed (claims 27-39 and 42) and subject matter amended to place claim 8 in condition for allowance (claim 8 is amended to be in independent form and contain all of the features of claim 1).

With the present amendment, Claim 8 is amended and claims 1-7, 9-26, 40-41, and 43-44 are canceled. Claims 8, 27-39, and 42 remain for consideration and are understood to be allowed or allowable.

Reconsideration and allowance of the claims in light of the following remarks are respectfully requested.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned, at the Examiner's convenience, should the Examiner have any questions regarding this communication or the present patent application.

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